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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliance Amendment mailed on October 20, 2006. In addition, the Reply and Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 is resubmitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims appear on Page 2 of this paper.

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